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Examiner: DUONG, TAI V, Art Unit 2871
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REMARKS

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on February 22, 2006 in the above-referenced application, Applicant respectfully requests amendment of the above-identified application in the manner identified above and that the patent be granted in view of the arguments presented. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

Present Status of Application

Claims 1-38 are pending in the application. Claims 16-18, 28 and 35 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1-12 are allowed. Claims 13-15, 19-20, 22-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yun et al (US 5,835,139, hereinafter "Yun I") or Applicant's Prior Art Fig. 1 (hereinafter "APA"). Claims 25-26, 29, 32-33 and 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yun et al (US 2002/0080299, hereinafter "Yun II"). Claims 21, 27, 29, 31, 34, and 37-38 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In this paper, claim 13 is amended to recite that the rear frame comprises a fastening portion for a fastening device to be mounted therein, and a part of the fastening portion is extended to a back of the panel. Support for the amendment can be found, for example, in Figs. 5-6D and the related description in the specification.

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and the remarks contained below.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for his allowance of claims 1-12 and the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 21, 27, 29, 31, 34, and 37-38

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Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 102(b)

Claims 13-15, 19-20, 22-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yun or APA. Claims 25-26, 29, 32-33 and 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yun. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections for the reasons as follow.

APA/Yun I fail to disclose a part of the fastening portion extends to a back of the panel as claimed in claim 13.

To anticipate a claim, a reference must teach every element of the claim. In this regard, the Federal Circuit has held:

"A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987).

"The identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the ... claim." *Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co.*, 868 F.2d 1226, 1236, 9 USPQ2d 1913, 1920 (Fed. Cir. 1989).

Amended claim 13 recites a panel module comprising a panel, a front frame, and a rear frame. The rear frame comprises a fastening portion for a fastening device to be mounted therein, and ***a part of the fastening portion extends to a back of the panel.***

APA/Yun I teach a liquid crystal panel 20 comprising a housing 10. The housing 10 comprises a front cover 101 and a rear cover 102, with the panel module 20 disposed there between. The panel module 20 is joined with the rear cover 102 of the housing 10 by a fastening device, such as screws 30, mating with holes 103, 201 on the side surface of the rear cover 102. APA/Yun I clearly teach that ***the fastening device is disposed on the side surface of the rear cover 102.***

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Thus, contrary to the invention of claim 13, the alleged "fastening portion" 103 of the APA/Yun I is located on the side of the panel. It does not extend to a back of the panel.

For at least this reason, it is Applicant's belief that APA/Yun I fail to teach or suggest all the limitations of claim 13. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the rejection of claim 13 be withdrawn and the claim passed to issue. Insofar as claims 14-15 depend from claim 13, and therefore incorporate all of the limitations of claim 13, it is Applicant's belief that these claims are also in condition for allowance.

APA/Yun I fail to teach or suggest a part of the fastening portion is positioned on the receiving portion or extends to a back of the receiving portion, as recited in claim 19.

Claim 19 recites a panel module comprising a rear frame. The rear frame has a receiving portion supporting the panel, a peripheral portion located at the periphery of the receiving portion, and at least one fastening portion. ***A part of the fastening portion is positioned on the receiving portion or extends to a back of the receiving portion.***

As noted above, however, APA/Yun I teach the alleged "fastening portion" 103 of the APA/Yun I is located on ***the side of the panel***. Thus, it is neither positioned on the receiving portion nor does it extend to a back of the receiving portion.

For at least this reason, it is Applicant's belief that APA/Yun I fail to teach or suggest all the limitations of claim 19. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the rejection of claim 19 be withdrawn and the claim passed to issue. Insofar as claims 19-24 depend from claim 19, and therefore incorporate all of the limitations of claim 19, it is Applicant's belief that these claims are also in condition for allowance.

Yun II fails to teach or suggest the connecting portion has an arm and a connecting surface, the arm connecting to one of the receiving portion and the peripheral portion, the connecting surface connecting to the arm substantially extending to a back of the receiving portion, as recited in claim 25.

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Claims 25 recites a flat panel display comprising a panel, a front frame, a receiving portion, a peripheral portion, and a connecting portion. The connecting portion has an arm and a connecting surface, the arm connecting to one of the receiving portion and the peripheral portion, the connecting surface connecting to the arm substantially extending to a back of the receiving portion.

To the contrary, Yun II teaches a liquid crystal display comprising a screw frame area 42 for forming screw holes 41. As shown in Fig. 4 of Yun II, the screw frame area 42 is disposed at the periphery of the second support frame 40. Thus, Yun II fails to teach or suggest an arm connected to one of the receiving portion and the peripheral portion, as recited in claim 25.

Furthermore, Yun II fails to teach or suggest a connecting surface connecting to the arm *substantially extending to a back of the receiving portion*, as recited in claim 25.

For at least these reasons, it is Applicant's belief that Yun II fails to teach or suggest all the limitations of claim 25. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the rejection of claim 25 be withdrawn and the claim passed to issue. Insofar as claims 26-27 and 29-31 depend from claim 25, and therefore incorporate all of the limitations of claim 25, it is Applicant's belief that these claims are also in condition for allowance.

Yun II fails to teach or suggest the connecting portion has a protrusion and a connecting surface, the protrusion connecting to one of the receiving portion and the peripheral portion, the connecting surface connecting to the protrusion substantially extending to a back of the receiving portion, as recited in claim 32.

As noted above, the screw frame area 42 of Yun II is disposed at the periphery of the second support frame 40. Thus, Yun II fails to teach or suggest a protrusion connecting to one of the receiving portion and the peripheral portion, as recited in claim 32.

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Additionally, Yun II fails to disclose the connecting surface connecting to the protrusion ***substantially extending to a back of the receiving portion***, as recited in claim 32.

For at least these reasons, it is Applicant's belief that Yun II fails to teach or suggest all the limitations of claim 32. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the rejection of claim 32 be withdrawn and the claim passed to issue. Insofar as claims 32-34 and 36-38 depend from claim 32, and therefore incorporate all of the limitations of claim 32, it is Applicant's belief that these claims are also in condition for allowance.

Election of Species

As noted by the Examiner, upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of the generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141.

Claims 16-18 depend from claim 13, claim 28 depends from claim 25, and claim 35 depends from claim 32. Thus, on the allowance of claims 13, 25 and 32, Applicant respectfully requests the consideration of these claims.

Conclusion

The Applicant believes that the application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests so.

Respectfully submitted,



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